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5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter [B]

28<sup>th</sup> April 2024

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## Mustard Seeds

### ✠ Easter Faith: Come Home to Church

The Easter season comes with a multitude of signs and symbols, all helping to bring home its import. One of the most poignant of these takes place every year at the Easter vigil Mass, when converts come into the Church. People embrace Catholicism for many reasons, as many as there are people who request reception every year. Some are quite literally stars, of the Hollywood variety: Get Smart's Don Adams, John Wayne (shown, bottom right), Gary Cooper, Faye Dunaway and "Buffalo Bill" Cody, to name just a few. There are archliberals and archconservatives. There are rich, poor, artists, scientists and engineers, the famous and (today) forgotten. A few were saints or are on the path to canonization — Dorothy Day (shown, top right), Venerable Cornelia Connelly and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (shown, middle right). Conversions exemplify the greatest mercy of all, God's grace freely given. As convert L. Brent Bozell said, "... what mercy does is convert, change our hearts, which God never stops trying to do until we are dead." Hard-drinking communist and hedonist Dorothy Day had an abortion. But, she later wrote, "I became convinced, little by little, of the necessity for religion and for God in my everyday life." Servant of God Ira Dutton, co-worker of Sts. Damian the Leper and Marianne Cope, was a failed businessman and a divorced drunk. On July 4, 1876, he had his own Independence Day, realizing only God's help could liberate him from his despair. He "sought atonement for his sins [and] determined to spend the rest of his life doing penance for past wrongs." He and St. Damian are buried alongside one another. Actress Frances Farmer had an abortion and avoided children because they stoked her feelings of guilt. But a friend had five daughters, "and the affection of one of them caused her to feel that the evil surrounding her was being washed away. She felt God had come into her life, and she 'would have to find a disciplined avenue of faith and worship.'" Ultimately, that led her to Catholicism. Mobster Dutch Schultz had become wearisome to his fellow mobsters, so they had him assassinated. As he lay dying, he asked Father Cornelius McInerney for baptism and last rites. In this Year of Mercy, perhaps one convert's thought best sums up the role mercy plays not only in the conversion of faith many take, but the daily conversion we all must make as followers of Christ. It comes from screenwriter Gene Fowler (d. 1960). He wrote, "Why did I become a Catholic? To that question I would ask in return, 'Where else can an old man go?' It is a Church that for almost 2,000 years has been a refuge of sinners and for the poor. And I have been both



sinful and poor during a life of incautious impulses, careless mischiefs, bad investments in business and in pleasures. And even today I have to make frequent visits to the church when the horned fellow catches me napping. He never sleeps, you know..."

## Fifth Week of Eastertide [B]

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Please note all Masses in St. Peter's are Live Streamed. Masses may be subject to change.		St Bride's	St. John's	St. Mary's
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <b>Vigil Mass 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for Joe McIver (A), Father Martin Chambers (RD)</i>			Wedding Service 1.30pm Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <b>Mass 10.30am</b> <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass 12.15pm	Mass 11.30am (L)	Mass 10am (L)
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>FEAST OF ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH</b> <b>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am</b> <b>Mass 10am</b> <i>Offered for Harry Sammons (RD), Theresa Wilson (RD)</i>			
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>5<sup>th</sup> WEEK IN EASTERTIDE</b> Morning Prayer of the Church [Lauds] 9.40am <b>Mass 10am</b> <i>Offered for Grace McGreechin (RD), Herbert Clough (A)</i>	Morning Prayer of the Church 9.40am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Peter Ross (MM)</i>		Eucharistic Service 10am
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>MEMORIAL OF ST JOSEPH, THE WORKER</b> <b>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am</b> <b>Mass 10am</b> <i>Offered for Edmund Lang (A), Sidney Murphy (RD)</i>		Mass 10am (L)	Funeral Service 1pm <b>Danny McGoogan Jnr.</b>
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>MEMORIAL OF ST ATHANASIUS, BISHOP</b> <b>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am</b> <b>Mass 10am</b> <i>Offered for Mary McLernon (RD), Brendan Clough (A)</i>	Mass 10am		Eucharistic Service 10am
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>FEAST OF SS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES</b> <b>Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am</b> <b>Mass 10am</b> <i>Offered for Francis Smith (A), Ina Shepherd,</i> <b>Benediction 10.30am</b> <i>(afterwards refreshments in St Peter's Caf�)</i>	<u>No</u> Mass Today	Eucharistic Service 10am	Funeral Mass 10am <b>Theresa Wilson</b>
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <b>Vigil Mass 5.30pm</b> <i>Offered for Annie &amp; Andrew Murphy (A),                      Kirsty Maher &amp; John Maher Jnr. (A), Greta Sudlow (A)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*Tony Smith, David McMahan, Jim Donnelly,  
Thomas Harper, Rosemary Smith.*

#### ✦ Those who have died recently:

*Donald MacCormick, Matilda Harvey, Father Des Broderick (Glasgow),  
Harry Sammons, Theresa Wilson, Grace Mc Greechin (Manchester),  
Sidney Murphy, Mary McLernon (Glasgow).*

#### ✦ Those who died at this time of Year:

*Angel Doyle 2006, Edward McNamara 1977, Cecilia McNulty 2008,  
Aldo Agostini 1974, John Brownlow 2012, Tommy Morgan 1992,  
Kathleen Walsh 1955, Benet Brodie 2021,  
Annie Mathieson Dorian 1974, Elizabeth Scott 2018,  
Roseann Ward 2017, Simon Charles Cawley 2004,  
Mary Crossan 1981, Iain Currie 2018, Elizabeth Hendry 1998,  
Mary McCaul 2014, Joe Arkison 2005, Sheila Folan 2010,  
Jean Nesbit 1999, Nettie Retzbach 2010, Charlie Townsley 2014,  
Janet Brown 2022, Ian Clarke 2005, Agnes Grogan 1954,  
Anne Howieson 2011, Sadie Leslie 2013, John Ross 2020,  
Pat Breen senior 2018, Bobby Macnamara 1961, Kirsty Maher 2022,  
Steve McKinnon 2004, Greta Sudlow 2014, James Timmons 1982.*

### Eucharistic Revival this Easter – Gifts that we need

“Here is a short list of some of the fruits and gifts that flow into your soul each time you receive the Eucharist: Friendship with Jesus. Desire to know and do the will of God. Cleansing of venial sin. Hunger for virtue. Grace to avoid sin in the future. A heart that listens to the Holy Spirit. Desire to know and love God. Take a few minutes to reflect on this list. It is an incredible list of gifts. Which of these don't you need? Think about situations in your life that went wrong, which of these gifts could have helped you prevent those outcomes? Which do you need right now in your life? Are you in a situation right now that would benefit from one of these gifts? Ask Jesus to flood your soul with that particular gift next time you receive the Eucharist.” [Matthew Kelly]

## St. Bride's & St. Peter's Notices

- ▶ **USED STAMPS** Please save your used stamps and hand them in to St Peter's or to Alfie Agostini who is collecting them to raise funding for medical science.
- ▶ **MARY'S MEALS FUNDRAISER** Quiz and music night in Saltcoats Bowling Club on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 (includes supper) available from stall in church porch or by phoning 07469 889378. Raffle prizes gratefully accepted.
- ▶ **TABLE-TOP AUCTION & RAFFLE** There is a Table-Top Auction arranged to raise funds for St Peter's Church. The auction will take place in the Parish Centre at 2pm prompt, on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May and is a cash only auction. The centre will be open for viewing from 1.30pm. Any items for donation are gratefully received at the centre on any Wednesday between 1 - 3pm.
- ▶ **NORTH AYRSHIRE FOODBANK** North Ayrshire Foodbank are arranging a collection in Asda Supermarket, Ardrossan from 10am until 3pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May till Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May. **Volunteers are needed.** Can you offer your help by volunteering to cover a 2 hour slot for this greatly needed service? Please contact Danny on 07979 542319.

### Preparation Packs - now available!

We now have as a Parish a Baptism Preparation Pack and a Marriage Preparation Pack on our website. It contains all the basic information needed for Baptism and Weddings. If you know of any family planning a Baptism soon or a Wedding, please refer them to the website <http://saintpeterinchains.co.uk> so that they can download the relevant information.



### Gandhi's Critique and Chesterton's Quip

Mahatma Gandhi, last century's leader of India's independence movement, received his education in Europe. Although he wasn't Christian, he had many opportunities to study Christianity and get to know Christians. Later in his life he commented on this experience. He said, "I like your Christ. I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ." G.K. Chesterton, the famous British convert to Catholicism and great apologist for the faith in the early twentieth century, made a similar statement. He was responding to critics who claimed that since Christianity had been around for so long, but hadn't solved the world's problems, it must be false. Chesterton retorted: "The Christian

ideal has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and left untried." These two quotations remind us of something we already know: too often, too many Christians are satisfied with a mediocre Christianity. But Christ wants more for us. He wants to release our full potential as human beings. What does that potential consist of? It consists of our capacity to love, to know others as Christ knows them, and to dedicate ourselves to their good. Christ knows that if we follow him down that path, we will be truly happy, and we will make those around us truly happy, here on earth and forever in heaven. How can that happen? It has to start right here - right in our hearts. Christ has already shown us the way. Christ has promised to give us the grace. But none of that will matter unless each one of us makes a firm decision to have one goal in life: to take up the difficult but sure path of knowing, loving, and following Christ. Only then will we have an answer for critics like Gandhi, because only then will we, Christians, become like Christ.



### Assisted Suicide – Called to Care, Not to Kill

Please contact your MSPs today to stop assisted suicide becoming legal in Scotland. Use the QR code to access an online resource created by the Catholic Parliamentary Office, including guidance on contacting your MSPs. You can also visit [rcpolitics.org/assistedsuicide](http://rcpolitics.org/assistedsuicide) or email us at [office@rcpolitics.org](mailto:office@rcpolitics.org) for more information. Important: **Please get your Leaflet at the end of Mass today.**

### A Cross in My Pocket

I carry a cross in my pocket a simple reminder to me of the fact that I am a Christian no matter where I may be. When I put my hand in my pocket to bring out a coin or key, the cross is there to remind me of the price he paid for me. It reminds me, too, to be thankful for my blessings day by day and strive to serve him better in all that I do and say. It's also a daily reminder of the peace and comfort I share with all who know my master and give themselves to his care.



So, I carry a cross in my pocket reminding no one but me, that Jesus Christ is Lord of my life if only I'll let him be.

### ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024: £603.25  
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*Many Thanks for your support and generosity!*

### Just for a laugh 😊😊😊

A primary school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honour thy father and thy mother," she asked "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat one little boy answered, "Thou shall not kill."



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